GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2986
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2008
RAILWAY RECRUITMENT BOARD
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) functioning in different States of the country;

(b) the various categories of employees recruited in the Railways through these RRBs, during the last three years;

(c) whether regional balance in the recruitment is to be maintained in the recruitment process;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether incidents of violence have been noticed recently particularly, in certain parts of the country, in protest against the regional imbalance taking place in the present recruitment drive; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Railways to accord preference to the candidates residing in the concerned zone of the Railways for which the recruitment is being made?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2986 BY SHRI SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.12.2008 REGARDING RAILWAY RECRUITMENT BOARD

(a): There are 20 Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) on Indian Railways.

(b): A statement showing the various posts for which recruitment has been made through Railway Recruitment Boards during the past three years is given in Appendix.

(c) to (f): Indian Railways is an organization having an all-India character. Recruitment to Group 'C' posts is made through 20 Railway Recruitment Boards located in different parts of the country. The jurisdiction of Railway Recruitment Boards is on the basis of administrative units of the Railways and not on the basis of State(s)/regions. The vacancies are given wide publicity including publication in the Employment News, leading national & local dailies etc. and all those who apply against such notifications are considered for recruitment on the Railways.This procedure is in conformity with Article 16 of the Constitutional provisions regarding equality in opportunity to all in the matter of employment under the Central Government and guidelines issued by Department of Personnel & Training pursuant to the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court. Although the posts are advertised by individual RRBs, there is no bar for candidates from all over the country to apply for a post in any RRB. There have been incidents of disturbance in certain RRB exam centres in the recent past on the issue of regionalism but recruitment on the Railways is done purely on merit basis in an objective and impartial manner, without any regional preference.